

# Meriden COVID-19 Response Weekly Update November 15-19, 2021

From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

City of Meriden – as of November 18, 2021	Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths
Total Cases	9,363 total (8,535 confirmed and 828 probable)	171

## \*\*\* Meriden is in "ORANGE" status on the state alert system \*\*\*

Cases can be counted <u>as confirmed or probable</u>. Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

## **COVID-19 VACCINATION**

## As of November 17:

64.34% of Meriden's eligible residents are FULL VACCINATED. This is +0.41% since last week.

69.38% of Meriden's eligible residents have INITIATED VACCINATION. This is +0.37% since last week.

(Note, the week of Nov. 11 should have read 69.01%, resulting in a 0.43% increase from the prior week)

## COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds are now

available: FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) met on October 26 and recommended the Pfizer pediatric vaccine for emergency use authorization (EUA). On November 2, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine.





Our office is hosting a pediatric COVID-19 clinic for Meriden children age 5 to 11 years old on **December 9 from 3:00-6:00pm** at the Meriden Senior Center. Park on Hanover Street (municipal lot) and enter the back door of the Center. The second dose is scheduled for December 30.

120 appointment spaces are available. Please <u>use this Google Form</u> to register, or call us at 203-630-4221.





## Hartford Healthcare Pediatric Clinics (5 to 11 year olds):

Schedule your child's appointment by going to this website:

https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/covid-vaccine/locations#pediatric

All children must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

Wethersfield: Hartford HealthCare Medical Group Office, 1290 Silas Deane Highway Clinic dates/times:

- o Thurs. Nov. 18, 4-6:30pm
- o Tues. Nov. 30, 4-6:30pm

## First dose appointments are being taken for the Dec. 5 event:

A Guide to Your Child's COVID-19 Vaccine

Indoor Vaccine Clinic at

# **Dunkin' Donuts Park**

1214 Main Street, Hartford, CT

Entrance through the Main Gates on Main Street. Free parking across the street at the Dunkin Stadium Parking Lot, 1215 Main Street.

Sunday, Nov. 14 | 10 am-4 pm Sunday, Dec. 5 | 10 am-4 pm

Entertainment and giveaways include: Dunkin gilt cards, stilt walkers, Yard Gosta mascots, etc...



Call for information and scheduling.

Appointments strongly encouraged.

Or walk in any time.

860.757.4830

# available for ages 5 to 11.

The wait is over! A COVID-19 vaccine is now

#### Why Kids Should Get the COVID-19 Vaccine

The vaccine is the most important step you can take to protect your child from COVID-19.

- · Safe and effective
- · Protects your child
- . Helps end the pandemic

#### What to Bring to Your Child's Vaccination

- Show us your muscles! Make sure your child wears a shirt with easy access to their upper arm, like a T-shirt.
- Bring a list of your child's current medications and any allergies.
- · Masks are required for everyone over age 2.
- . Pack comfort items for your child.

#### How to Support Your Child

Some kids (and adults!) get nervous around needles. But a little planning ahead can help.

- Prepare yourself. If you're calm and confident, it's
  easier for your child to be too. Have questions about
  the vaccine and kids? Check out the vaccine FAQs
  on the back of this page.
- Prepare your child. A few days before, let your child know they're going to get special medicine called a vaccine, Use a familiar example, like a flu shot, to explain how.

- Teach your child a calming exercise. Learn how at connecticutchildrens.org/calm, and practice at home.
- Pack comfort items. Have your child choose a toy, book, fidget gadget or handheld activity to bring from home. Pack a few surprises, like stickers, in case they need an extra distraction.
- Plan a fun ride to the vaccine clinic. Let your child choose the music, get them talking about a favorite hobby, or challenge them to the license plate game.
- Brainstorm a reward. Whether it's a treat or a trip to the park, give your child something to look forward to when they're done. If you visit one of our clinics at Dunkin' Donuts Park, we will have some small surprise treats to help with this!

#### Want more tips?

Check out connecticutchildrens.org/covidvaccine.

#### Did you know?

Connecticut Children's is the only health system in Connecticut dedicated to children. We're proud to work with the community partners below to make sure kids have convenient access to the COVID-19 vaccine.













Una Guía para La Vacuna de COVID-19 de su Niño

Clínica de Vacuna Interior en el

# **Dunkin' Donuts Park**

1214 Main Street, Hartford, CT

Entrada por las puertas principales de Main St. Estacionamiento gratis al otro lado de la calle en el estacionamiento del estadio Dunkin, 1215 Main St.

Sunday, Nov. 14 | 10 am-4 pm Sunday, Dec. 5 | 10 am-4 pm

El entretenimiento y los obsequios incluyen: tarjetas de regalo Dunkin, caminantes sobre zancos, mascotas de las cabras de jardin, etc.



Llame para información y programación.

Se recomienda que haga cita.

O venga en cualquier momento.

ya está disponible para edades de 5 a 11.

# iLa espera termino! UNA Vacuna de COVID-19

#### Por qué los niños deben recibir la Vacuna de COVID-19

La vacuna es el paso más importante que usted puede tomar para proteger a su niño del COVID-19.

- · Segura y efectiva
- · Protege a su niño
- · Ayuda a terminar la pandemia

#### Que llevar a la vacunación de su niño

- Muestranos tus musculos! Asegúrese de que su niño use una camisa con acceso fácil al brazo, como una camiseta.
- Traiga una lista de los medicamentos actuales y de las alergias.
- Se requieren mascarillas para personas mayores de 2 años.
- · Empaque artículos de consuelo para su niño.

#### Como Apoyar a su Niño

Algunos niños (iy adultos!) se ponen nerviosos cerca de las aguisas. Pero un poquito de planificación adelantada puede ayudar.

- Prepárese. Si usted está calmado y seguro, es más fácil que su niño también lo este. ¿Tiene preguntas sobre la vacuna y los niños? Vea las Preguntan más frecuentes sobre las vacunas en la parte de atrás de esta página.
- Prepare a su niño. Unos cuantos dias antes, déjele saber a su niño que va a recibir una medicina especial llamada vacuna. Use un ejemplo familiar, como la vacuna de influenza, para explicarle como.

- Enséñele a su niño un ejerciclo para calmarse.
   Aprenda como en connecticutchildrens.org/calm,
   y practique en casa.
- Empaque artículos de consuelo. Haga que su niño escoja un juguete, libro, un artículo para cuando está inquieto o una actividad portátil para traerla de casa. La plastilina o bola para el estrés también son buenas opciones. Empaque unas cuantas sorpresas, como pegatinas (stickers), en caso de que necesiten distracción adicional.
- Planifique un viaje divertido a la clínica de vacunas.
   Deje que su niño escoja la música, haga que hable de su pasatiempo favorito, o rételo a jugar un juego.
- Piense en una recompensa. Ya sea un regalo o un viaje al parque, de a su niño algo que pueda ansiar para cuando termine. iSi usted visita una de nuestras clinicas en el Dunkin' Donuts Park, inosotros tendremos algunos premios pequeños para ayudar con esto!

#### ¿Quiere más consejos?

Visite connecticutchildrens.org/covidvaccine.

#### Sabia usted que?

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## **BOOSTER AND THIRD DOSES**

**NOTE:** On November 19, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorizations (EUA) for both the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines authorizing use of a single booster dose for all individuals 18 years of age and older after completion of primary vaccination with any FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) <u>Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</u> will meet later in the day on November 19 to discuss further clinical recommendations.

The City of Meriden COVID-19 webpage will be updated to reflect any new recommendations that come out.

**BOOSTER** and <u>THIRD DOSES</u>: Our office is in the process of planning booster clinics for Meriden residents, City employees Meriden Public School employees, and employees of Meriden based child care centers and healthcare providers. In the meantime, <u>Please use this link to find a provider</u>.

Locally, Hartford Healthcare provides <u>COVID-19 vaccination</u> every Tuesday from 8:30 – 11:30am at MidState Medical Center in Conference Rooms 1 and 4, and every Wednesday at 61 Pomeroy Avenue from 3:00-6:00pm. <u>Appointments are required</u> – call them at 860-827-7690.

#### **Booster or Third Dose?**

#### **Booster**

"Booster" shots provide additional immunity against the virus for people who are eligible (see below) and whose immune system had a response to the initial doses.

#### **Third Dose**

"Third doses" are for people whose immune systems may not have given sufficient protection against COVID-19 from the first vaccines. Some people — due to age or a health condition that suppresses their immune system — need a third full dose for them to get to a level of immunity that's protective. You can learn more about this from the CDC <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

#### Am I eligible for a booster?

#### You received two doses of **Pfizer-BioNTech** vaccine:

- If you are 65 or older
- **OR** if you are 18 or older <u>and</u> one or more of the following apply:
  - Work in a high-risk environment (such as a hospital or grocery store)
  - Are in <u>a long-term care facility</u> (such as a nursing home)
  - Have certain underlying medical conditions (such as cancer)

**AND** it has been at least six months since you got your second dose of the Pfizer vaccine **THEN** you are eligible for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson & Johnson.

You received two doses of **Moderna** vaccine:

- o If you are 65 or older
- o **OR** if you are 18 or older <u>and</u> one or more of the following apply:
  - Are in a long-term care facility (such as a nursing home)
  - Have certain <u>underlying medical conditions</u> (such as cancer)
  - Work in a high-risk environment (such as a hospital or grocery store)

**AND** it has been at least six months since you got your second dose of the Moderna vaccine **THEN** you are eligible for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson & Johnson.

## You received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

**AND**\_it has been at least two months since you received your dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

**THEN** you are eligible for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson

## **VACCINATION DATA**

## Meriden Vaccination Rates by Age Group:

Note, data for Meriden's 5 to 11 year old group is not yet available from CT DPH.

Age Group	Percent with at least one dose (as of 11/17/2021)	Difference since last week (11/10/2021)
Age 12 to 17	69.6%	+0.41
Age 18 to 24	70.31%	+0.42
Age 25 to 44	72.64%	+0.38
Age 45 to 64	84.99%	+0.44
Age 65 +	100%	+0.11
Age Group	Fully Vaccinated (as of	Difference since last week
	11/17/2021)	(11/10/2021)
Age 12 to 17	C2 E20/	.0.22
78C 12 10 11	62.52%	+0.23
Age 18 to 24	63.01%	+0.51
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## **Meriden Vaccination by Race/Ethnicity:**

Race/Ethnicity	Percent with at least one dose (as of 11/17/2021)	Difference since last week (11/10/2021)
NH American Indian	32.7%	-0.60
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	70.4%	+0.5
NH Black	58.7%	+0.7
Hispanic	68.7%	+0.7
NH White	60.8%	+0.5

Race/Ethnicity	Fully Vaccinated (as of 11/17/2021)	Difference since last week (11/10/2021)
NH American Indian	28.6%	-1.3
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	63.1%	+0.4
NH Black	54.1%	+0.5
Hispanic	61.8%	+0.5
NH White	57.3%	+0.3

## Data updates on vaccine administration in Connecticut

The following data represents the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in Connecticut, as reported to the state as of November 18:

Dose	Total Administered
First dose administered	2,689,183
Fully vaccinated	2,449,199

As of November 18, Connecticut residents who have received at least one dose by age group includes:

- >95% of those over the age of 65
- 93% of those between 55-64
- 84% of those between 45-54
- 85% of those between 35-44
- 78% of those between 25-34
- 72% of those between 18-24
- 81% of those between 16-17
- 72% of those between 12-15
- 13% of those between 5-11

Source: Coverage data is based on what is reported to CT WiZ, except the estimated coverage for 65 years and older, which is taken from the CDC COVID Data Tracker.

## **COVID-19 BREAKTHROUGH CASES**

Data updates on breakthrough cases in Connecticut

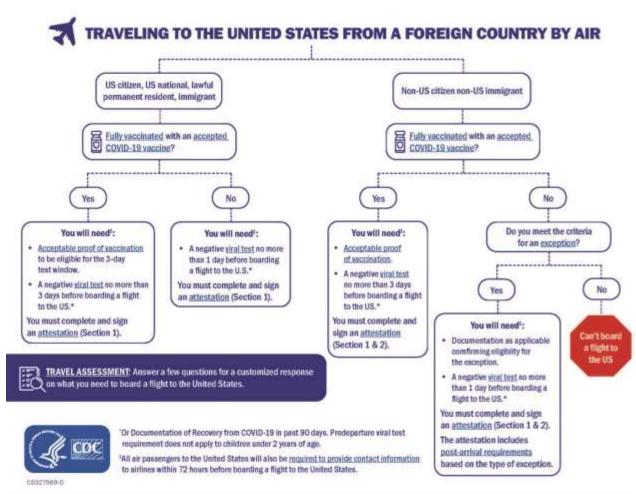
The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting that as of November 18, 2021, a total of 21,071 cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons in Connecticut have been confirmed. Of the more than 2.4 million people in Connecticut who have completed their vaccine series, 0.87% have contracted the virus.

For more data on breakthrough cases in Connecticut, <u>see pages 6 through 9 of this week's</u> extended COVID-19 data report.

## TRAVEL GUIDANCE - INTERNATIONAL - UPDATING

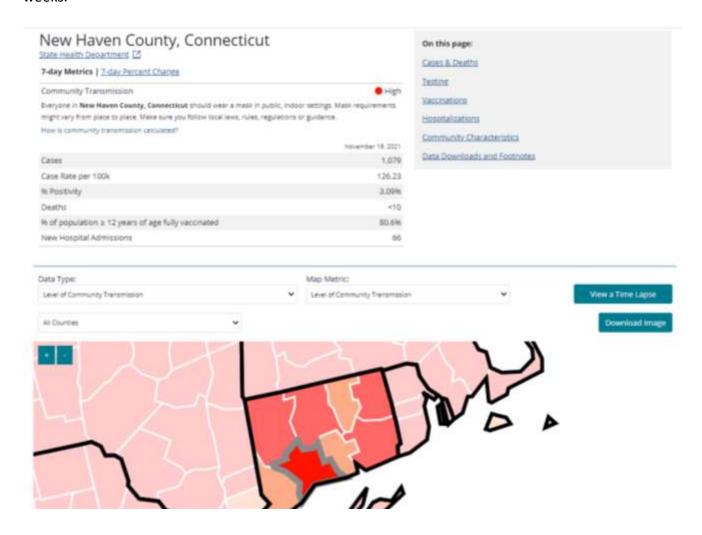
On November 8, 2021, the CDC will be updated <u>their international</u> <u>travel guidance</u> during the pandemic. Below is a great <u>infographic</u> explaining the new guidance.





## **COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION**

New Haven County is now classified as an area of "HIGH" COVID-19 transmission, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This is an INCREASE from the past couple of weeks.



Source: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

The CDC labels the level of community transmission in a county — based on the number of cases per 100,000 people or the positivity level — as low, moderate, substantial or high. See the chart below for definitions.

LOW	No more than 10 cases per 100,000 people, or a test positivity rate of less
	than 5%
MODERATE	10 to 50 cases per 100,000 people, or a positivity rate between 5% and 8%
SUBSTANTIAL	50 to 100 cases per 100,000, or a positivity rate between 8% and 10%
HIGH	100 or more cases per 100,000 people or a positivity rate of 10% or higher

## **TESTING INFORMATION**







NOTE: 13 Orange Street will be closed on Thanksgiving and Saturday, Nov. 27. They will be open on Monday, Nov. 22, from 3:00-6:00pm and Tuesday, November 23, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

## **CLICK HERE FOR A FULL LIST OF COVID-19 testing at State Supported Testing**

<u>Sites:</u> Persons being tested for COVID-19 at State Supported Testing Sites will be asked for their insurance information but there will be no out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, if their insurance does not pay, the individual will not be billed.

\*\*Note: If individuals do not have insurance, they will be tested and not billed at any of these State Supported Testing Sites. \*\*

For a list of all testing sites in Connecticut, please visit Infoline 211: https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p

If you are **not** experiencing symptoms, or if you have had a known exposure to someone with COVID-19, we recommend a <u>viral test</u>, also known as a "PCR" test. Test results may take anywhere from a couple of hours to a couple of days to get back from the laboratory.

If you have recent onset of symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you can consider getting an <u>antigen test</u>, also known as a rapid test. This type of test is also for those who undergo serial screening, such as nursing home staff or residents. If you have symptoms, and your antigen test comes back negative, you should get the viral test (PCR) within 48 hours of your antigen test to confirm the results. Stay home until you get your test results.

When in doubt on what type of test to get, call your doctor. If you are only going to get 1 test, we highly recommend the PCR test, NOT a rapid test.

For those fully vaccinated, the CDC recommends that If you came into close contact with someone with COVID-19 you get tested 5 to 7 days days after the date of your exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result. You do not need to quarantine while waiting for test results as long as you remain symptom free.

## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

Below is a dashboard maintained by Meriden Public Schools on the number of positive students and staff, and quarantined students and staff. Note that quarantine is due to being identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 exposure in any setting. For data sets on each school, please visit the CT Open Data Portal.

Meriden Public Schools Quarantine Dashboard					
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff	
Year Totals	115	25	527	9	
Current Totals	23	3	86	3	
Finished Totals	92	22	441	6	
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff	
Year Percentages	1.28%	1.79%	5.88%	0.64%	
Current Percentage	0.26%	0.21%	0.96%	0.21%	

Thursday, November 4, 2021: Governor Lamont Announces the Screen and Stay Initiative for Connecticut Schools. Effective Friday, November 11, Meriden Public Schools has adopted a "Screen and Stay" option for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19 in a school setting. If exposure occurs in a K-12 school setting, under certain conditions, parents will now have the option of staying in in-person learning through the quarantine period as long as they monitor their child's health for 14 days. Students will still need to quarantine outside of school.

The full guidance can be found here: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Digest/2021-22/Screen-and-Stay-K12">https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Digest/2021-22/Screen-and-Stay-K12</a> Fall-2021 FINAL11052021.pdf

## **CONTACT TRACING**

If you get a call from one of our contact tracers or a state CT DPH contact tracer, <u>please answer!</u>



Our office continues to use the state <u>ContaCT Tracing</u>

System to follow up on known contacts of COVID-19

positive Meriden residents. We primarily make calls Monday – Friday, and may make calls on the weekend as well. On the weekend, we prioritize calls to those under the age of 18.

The information collected through ContaCT will be used to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We also ask about vaccination status to <u>monitor break-through cases</u> of COVID-19. Vaccination status will also help <u>determine if a person needs to quarantine</u> if exposed to someone with COVID-19.

We will NEVER ask for social security or financial information. We will NEVER disclose your COVID-19 status to identified close contacts.

## **TOWN ALERT LEVELS**

The CT DPH provides a <u>weekly</u>, <u>color-coded COVID-19 alert map</u> for every city and town in the state, identifying the average daily case rate per 100,000 population over the last two weeks.

Week	Cases over	Case Rate Per	Percent Test	Alert Level
	14 days	100,000	Positivity	
9/27 to 10/10	53	6.4	1.4%	Yellow
10/4 to 10/17	68	8.2	1.5%	Yellow
10/11 to 10/24	100	12.0	2.2%	Orange
10/18 to 10/31	238	28.6	4.3%	RED
10/25 to 11/7	436	53.4	6.8%	RED
11/1 to 11/14	624	74.9	8.8%	RED
11/08 to 11/21	626	75.1	8.8%	RED
11/15 to 11/28	634	76.1	8.9%	RED
11/22 to 12/5	748	89.7	10.4%	RED
11/29 to 12/11	831	99.7	10.6%	RED
12/06 to 12/19	673	80.7	9.9%	RED
12/13 to 12/26/2020	635	76.2	10.4%	RED
12/20 to 1/2/21	718	86.1	10.4%	RED
12/27 to 1/9/21	797	95.6	10.4%	RED
1/6 to 1/13/21	732	87.8	9.5%	RED

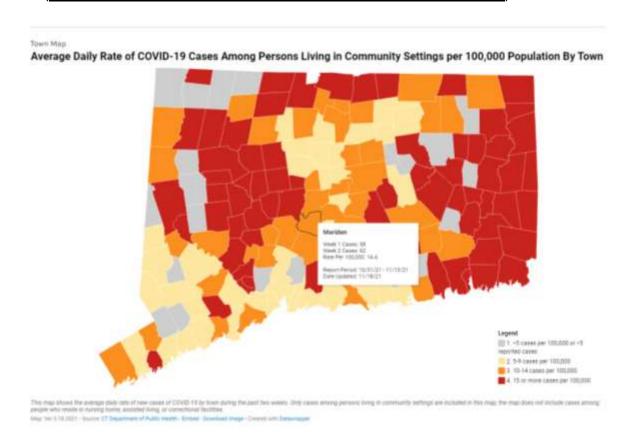
1/10 to 1/23/21	615	73.8	7.9%	RED
1/17 to 1/30/21	549	65.9	7.5%	RED
1/24 to 2/6/2021	478	57.3	7.7%	RED
1/31 to 2/13/2021	404	48.5	6.9%	RED
2/7 to 2/20/2021	324	38.9	5.6%	RED
2/14 to 2/27/2021	281	33.7	4.5%	RED
2/21 to 3/6/2021	219	26.3	3.9%	RED
2/28 to 3/13/2021	164	19.7	3.4%	RED
3/07 to 3/20/2021	196	23.5	3.9%	RED
3/14 to 3/27/2021	260	31.2	4.3%	RED
3/21 to 4/3/2021	287	34.4	4.5%	RED
3/28 to 4/10/2021	258	31.0	4.3%	RED
4/04 to 4/17/2021	258	31.0	4.4%	RED
4/11 to 4/24/2021	278	33.4	4.9%	RED
4/18 to 5/1/2021	237	28.4	4.5%	RED
4/25 to 5/8/2021	207	24.9	4.3%	RED
5/2 to 5/15/2021	126	15.2	3.4%	RED
5/9 to 5/22/2021	60	7.8	2.4%	YELLOW
5/16 to 5/29/2021	<5	<5	1.5%	GRAY
5/23 to 6/05/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
5/30 to 6/12/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/06 to 6/19/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/13 to 6/23/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
6/20 to 7/3/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/27 to 7/10/2021	<5	<5	1.2%	GRAY
7/04 to 7/17/2021	<5	<5	1.7%	GRAY
7/11 to 7/24/2021	47	5.7	2.6%	YELLOW
7/18 to 7/31/2021	78	9.6	3.1%	YELLOW
7/25 to 8/7/2021	140	16.8	4.0%	RED
8/1 to 8/14/2021	168	20.2	5.2%	RED
8/8 to 8/21/2021	156	18.8	4%	RED
8/15 to 8/28/2021	179	21.5	5.8%	RED
8/22 to 9/04/2021	169	20.3	5.3%	RED
8/29 to 9/11/2021	140	16.8	4.3%	RED
9/5 to 9/18/2021	130	15.3	3.7%	RED
9/12 to 9/25/2021	121	14.7	3.3%	ORANGE
9/19 to 10/02/2021	118	14.2	3.2%	ORANGE
9/26 to 10/9/2021	128	15.4	3.4%	RED
10/3 to 10/16/2021	120	14.4	3.3%	ORANGE
10/10 to 10/23/2021	105	12.6	3.0%	ORANGE
10/17 to 10/30/2021	103	12.4	3.1%	ORANGE
10/24 to 11/6/2021	102	12.3	3.5%	ORANGE
10/31 to 11/13/2021	120	14.4	4.0%	ORANGE

<u>This dataset</u> includes a count and rate per 100,000 population for COVID-19 cases, a count of COVID-19 molecular diagnostic tests, and a percent positivity rate for tests among people living in community settings for the previous two-week period. Dates are based on date of specimen collection (cases and positivity).

A person is considered a new case only upon their first COVID-19 testing result because a case is defined as an instance or bout of illness. If they are tested again subsequently and are still positive, it still counts toward the test positivity metric but they are not considered another case.

These case and test counts do not include cases or tests among people residing in congregate settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or correctional facilities.

These data are updated weekly and reflect the previous two full Sunday-Saturday (MMWR) weeks (https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/document/MMWR week overview.pdf).



# **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE (BIWEEKLY)**

#### Bi-weekly update on the impact of COVID-19 on nursing homes

The following documents contain the bi-weekly data regarding each of the nursing homes in Connecticut that have reported positive cases of COVID-19 among their residents. The data is presented as it was reported to the state by each of the facilities. These reports issued every other Thursday.

\*\*Download: Report from November 12, 2021 on COVID-19 in Connecticut nursing homes

## **MERIDEN DATA CHARTS**

